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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

- 1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a timeline for future Citizens' Assemblies. Richard Boyd Barrett. [50103/22]
- 2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a timeline for future Citizens' Assemblies. Paul Murphy. [50106/22]
- 3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. Richard Boyd Barrett. [50104/22]
- 4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. Paul Murphy. [50107/22]
- 5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. Mick Barry. [52019/22]
- 6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. Ivana Bacik. [51663/22]
- 7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. Cathal Crowe. [52024/22]
- 8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. Paul McAuliffe. [52031/22]
- 9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [52027/22]
- 10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. Mary Lou McDonald. [48038/22]
- 11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. Cathal Crowe. [52025/22]
- 12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Policing Reform Implementation Programme Office in his Department. Paul McAuliffe. [52032/22]
- 13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the policing reform implementation programme office based in his Department. Ivana Bacik. [51661/22]

- 14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Policing Reform Implementation Programme Office based in his Department. Gary Gannon. [52017/22]
- 15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. Richard Boyd Barrett. [51710/22]
- 16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. Paul Murphy. [51713/22]
- 17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. James Lawless. [52028/22]
- 18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the United Nations General Assembly. Mary Lou McDonald. [48037/22]
- 19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the United Nations General Assembly. Ivana Bacik. [49900/22]
- 20. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which the United Nations modus operandi appears to be in need of reform, with particular reference to a more dramatic and rapid response to emerging threatening situations globally, arising from his recent visit to the United Nations. Bernard J. Durkan. [49948/22]
- 21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the United Nations General Assembly. Seán Haughey. [49950/22]
- 22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the UN General Assembly.

 Richard Boyd Barrett. [51711/22]
- 23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the UN General Assembly. Paul Murphy. [51714/22]
- 24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the UN General Assembly.

 Bríd Smith. [51717/22]
- 25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the United Nations General Assembly. Mick Barry. [52020/22]
- 26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the United Nations General Assembly. James Lawless. [52029/22]
- 27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the European Commissioner Margrethe Vestager. Neale Richmond. [49694/22]
- 28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Well-being Framework for Ireland Overseen by his Department. Mary Lou McDonald. [49698/22]
- 29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the well-being framework for Ireland overseen by his Department. Bríd Smith. [51716/22]

- 30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international unit of his Department. Mary Lou McDonald. [49699/22]
- 31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international unit of his Department. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51678/22]
- 32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international unit of his Department. Richard Boyd Barrett. [51712/22]
- 33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international unit of his Department. Paul Murphy. [51715/22]
- 34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international unit of his Department. Bríd Smith. [51718/22]
- 35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international unit of his Department. Mick Barry. [52021/22]
- 36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the north-east inner city oversight group chaired by the Secretary General of his Department. Mary Lou McDonald. [49703/22]
- 37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the shared island dialogue all-island women's forum civic initiative. Mary Lou McDonald. [49704/22]
- 38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will list the various companies, groups and organisations which have received funding as part of his Department's Shared Island investments; if he will provide a breakdown on the amounts of funding each received; and the purpose of it. Peadar Tóibín. [51562/22]
- 39. To ask the Taoiseach if efforts continue to be made through the Shared Island concept to ensure that the benefits of a shared-island approach can be of major economic significance to the island of Ireland, North and South. Bernard J. Durkan. [51636/22]
- 40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. Mary Lou McDonald. [49705/22]
- 41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. Ivana Bacik. [49902/22]
- 42. To ask the Taoiseach if security issues were discussed at the recent meeting in Prague consisting of the European-wide heads of state. Bernard J. Durkan. [50288/22]
- 43. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the first meeting of the European Political Community. Seán Haughey. [50726/22]
- 44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting of the EU Council in Prague. Neale Richmond. [51381/22]
- 45. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Prime Minister of Ukraine in Prague. Neale Richmond. [51382/22]

- 46. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting of the European Political Community in Prague. Neale Richmond. [51383/22]
- 47. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which discussions took place at the recent intergovernmental conference in Prague in relation to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Bernard J. Durkan. [51635/22]
- 48. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the Prague summit of the European Political Community. Mary Lou McDonald. [51352/22]
- 49. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the European Political Community meeting in Prague and the informal European Council meeting. Ivana Bacik. [51662/22]
- 50. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51679/22]
- 51. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Government information service unit of his Department. Mary Lou McDonald. [51354/22]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Tánaiste agus Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta: To the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

- *52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on his Department's public consultation on collective bargaining; the number of submissions that his Department received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Paul Phelan. [52260/22]
- *53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the level of engagement that his Department has had on the European Union Chips Act; the impact that it will have on the semiconductor industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Paul Phelan. [52268/22]
- *54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he plans to introduce a new fund for capital investment and expansion of existing enterprise centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ged Nash. [52388/22]

Chun an Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide: To the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications.

- *55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current status of Ireland's implementation of the eIDAS regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 John Paul Phelan. [52272/22]
- *56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clearly outline the Government's plan to ensure security of supply of energy during the winter months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Paul Phelan. [52261/22]

- *57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the latest work of the energy security emergency group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Paul Phelan. [52262/22]
- *58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the implications that the United Kingdom's Office of Gas and Electricity Markets' warning of a significant supply shortage of natural gas could have on Ireland's gas supplies from the United Kingdom; if current contractual agreements will be affected as a result of a shock in supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Paul Phelan. [52264/22]
- *59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he intends to publish a public consultation into the usage of direct lines and private wires; the reason that this consultation has been delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Paul Phelan. [52266/22]
- *60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on his Department's consultation on producing a national hydrogen strategy for Ireland; when such a strategy will be produced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Paul Phelan. [52269/22]
- *61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the level of engagement that his Department has had with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in the context of reviewing planning laws pertaining to renewable energy developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Paul Phelan. [52270/22]
- *62. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Government will endorse the civil-society proposal for a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty to manage a fair and rapid phase-out of fossil fuels, support workers and communities, and transition rapidly to renewable energy, approaching COP27; if the Government will support the need for additional finance to pay for "loss and damage" in the global south, and demand the formal establishment and collective financing of a UN loss-and-damage finance facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [52286/22]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

- *63. To ask the Minister for Transport if planning permission has been approved for the new BusConnects route due to travel down Highfield Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6; the number of stops in total that will be installed on this road; and if residents were given prior notice before construction work recently commenced. Chris Andrews. [52139/22]
- *64. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of HGV driving tests provided in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. Thomas Gould. [52156/22]
- *65. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with the National Transport Authority concerning the reliability of buses in Cork (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52226/22]
- *66. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to reports that taxis for disabled persons in Dublin often do not turn up even when booked well in advance; his views on the adequacy of access to taxi services for disabled persons in Dublin; if he will consider introducing measures to prevent taxi owners who have received State funding to convert their vehicles for

wheelchair access, from not turning up after taking a booking from a disabled person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [52329/22]

- *67. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will detail the membership of the advisory committee on SPSVs; if this committee has any members who are representing disabled persons' organisations; if this committee has consulted with any disabled persons' organisations; the names of the disabled persons' organisations that the committee has consulted with; if the issue of taxis not turning up after taking bookings from disabled persons has been discussed by this committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [52330/22]
- *68. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider amending regulations or relevant legislation to enable Irish citizens in possession of full driving licence in a foreign country but whose licence has expired by more than 12 months, to be able to obtain an Irish driving licence or a provisional driving licence without the need to fulfil all the conditions including retaking lessons and a driving test in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [52363/22]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

- *69. To ask the Minister for Finance if private nursing homes will be eligible to apply for the €1.25 billion temporary business energy support scheme, announced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [52441/22]
- *70. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline any supports or tax reliefs available to assist patients who have to avail of hearing aids. Robert Troy. [52088/22]
- *71. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagements that he has had with his counterparts in fellow EU Member States about the possibility of the implementation in the European Union of Pillar Two of the OECD agreement on international taxation by means other than a directive which has been agreed unanimously by all Member States. Michael Lowry. [52091/22]
- *72. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has conducted analysis of the potential impact on investment and Exchequer receipts of the minimum global rate of tax being adopted in Ireland, but not in one or more EU Member States; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Michael Lowry. [52092/22]
- *73. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will rule out Ireland adopting the minimum global tax rate if an implementing directive is not agreed unanimously by all EU Member States; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [52093/22]
- *74. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will extend the reduced VAT rate of 9% on all electricity bills issued after 31 October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peter Burke. [52307/22]
- *75. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will revisit his decision not to extend financial support to general practitioners' place of work, in view of the financial support provided to data centres in regard to the business energy support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [52316/22]
- *76. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide statistics relating to the use of the seize and release VRT enforcement procedure to obtain roadside cash payment of compromise penalties

for September 2022, in tabular form (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [52452/22]

Chun an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe: To the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

- *77. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the permission if any that was needed and or granted for the construction works that are ongoing at Tom Johnson House; the times and days within which such noisy work is permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Jim O'Callaghan. [52069/22]
- *78. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his attention has been drawn to the staff retention issues in several areas including health and education, particularly in Dublin, due to the cost-of-living and housing crisis; the actions that the Government are taking to tackle this issue; and if they are considering an allowance similar to the London weighting allowance (details supplied). Paul Murphy. [52107/22]
- *79. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reasons that the Office of Public Works will not provide a licence to access the swimming pool in the Garda college in Templemore in order that a person can provide swimming and water safety/lifesaving classes, which are considered essential life skills; if his attention has been drawn to a long tradition to allow access to this local amenity including the provision to provide and make available swimming and water safety/lifesaving classes to the local community in the swimming pool at the Garda college; if the OPW has changed its policy when reviewing and granting licences to use the swimming pool in the Garda college; the current licencing guidelines used by the OPW to access a licence application to use the swimming pool at the Garda college; the way in which a person can obtain a copy of the OPW's licensing guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [52152/22]
- *80. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide details of the visitor numbers to the visitor centre in the Phoenix Park for a specified timeframe (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Emer Higgins. [52246/22]

Chun an Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán: To the Minister for Tourism, Culture; Arts; Gaeltacht; Sport and Media.

*81. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she envisages that the media fund for local reporting, proposed in the Future of Media Commission's report, will be established; the amount that will be allocated to the fund; the criteria for applying for funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [52224/22]

Chun an Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta: To the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

*82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to expedite the establishment of the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority to ensure that the board is in place before the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [52263/22]

- *83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions and processes that are taken and followed in the event that remains of unhealthy swans are discovered by the National Parks and Wildlife Service whereby there is not a suspicion of avian influenza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52146/22]
- *84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reasons for not applying the same rationale to officers in local government given the ongoing effect of Circular EL 02/2011, given the availability of incremental credit to civil servants working in his Department as per Circular 08/2019; the reasons that local government officers are treated differently relative to their civil servant counterparts; if he will commit to an immediate review of Circular EL 02/2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [52160/22]
- *85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when affordable housing schemes will become available in Rush, County Dublin; and the procedure in applying for the scheme/schemes. Duncan Smith. [52245/22]
- *86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of engagement that his Department has had with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications in the context of reviewing planning laws pertaining to renewable energy developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Paul Phelan. [52271/22]

Chun an Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha: To the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

- *87. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a person's mother's birth certificate submitted as part of an application for an Irish passport can be returned in the case of a person (details supplied) who urgently requires the documentation to be returned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [52193/22]
- *88. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who is in receipt of relevant increments for retirees in recent years, who was employed in his Department for over 30 years and who feels that their pension entitlements have not been accurately calculated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [52259/22]
- *89. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will expedite an application by a person (details supplied) for an Irish birth certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [52283/22]
- *90. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a copy of the business case undertaken by his Department on the establishment of a passport office in Belfast; the date on which this work was initiated; the date on which it concluded and if this work was undertaken by officials in his Department or outsourced to another agency, organisation or academic. Mary Lou McDonald. [52305/22]
- *91. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [52444/22]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

- *92. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide a list of the arms industry companies from Ireland and other parts of the world that attended the recent 6 October 2022 arms fair, organised by the Department of Defence in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [52081/22]
- *93. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount that the Defence Forces spent on replacement musical instruments for members of the Defence Forces School of Music in the year 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; the supplier that was awarded the contract to provide replacements; and the musical instruments that were replaced. Catherine Murphy. [52214/22]
- *94. To ask the Minister for Defence if there is a review of the contract for Army sergeants who turn 50 years of age and their retention in the armed forces; the plans, if any, to retain these staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peter Burke. [52304/22]
- *95. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to amend or replace the Curragh of Kildare Act 1961; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [52339/22]
- *96. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of the most recent meeting of the Curragh forum; the areas addressed; the actions that have been taken arising from the meeting; when the next meeting will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [52349/22]
- *97. To ask the Minister for Defence the action being taken to remediate the illegal infilling of the hollow next to Donnelly's Hollow on the Curragh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [52350/22]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

- *98. To ask the Minister for Education the number of grants that were allocated for indoor ventilation and mobile HEPA air filtration systems since 2020 to schools; and if she will provide details of each of these grants, in monetary value and geographical area, in tabular form. Peadar Tóibín. [52199/22]
- *99. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department or the high-level working group, chaired by the Secretary General to examine the way in which the National Educational Psychological Services can best continue to recruit adequate numbers of suitably qualified staff, intend to meet or consult with an organisation (details supplied), to inform their interim recommendations in Q2 of 2023 regarding any other short-term measures required in advance of their final report to address supply issues of suitably qualified educational psychologists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [52368/22]
- *100. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has plans to extend the roll-out of additional DEIS school status to additional schools in east Cork that were not included in the last round of expansion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pat Buckley. [52149/22]
- *101. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 82 of 12 October 2022, if she will clarify where it has been recommended in a professional report that a specialist placement is in the interests of a student with neurodevelopment diagnosis, if such a student is entitled to seek a placement in an ASD unit despite not having a specific ASD diagnosis (details

- supplied); if it is Government policy and that of the NCSE that only children with an ASD diagnosis can access ASD units, or if all children who have a professional report recommending a specialist placement are equally entitled to seek a placement in an ASD class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mattie McGrath. [52161/22]
- *102. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details regarding the outcome of rechecks undertaken in respect of Leaving Certificate examination papers this year; the number of examination papers which were upgraded; if her attention has been drawn to the delay that the rechecking of examination papers this year has caused problems for many students applying for higher education courses, particularly those students who subsequently obtained higher points resulting in new offers been made to them but which could not be easily taken up given that they had already accepted their initial offers and had started their courses, and that some students subsequently were advised that they now qualified for their courses but that there was no availability for the current year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [52166/22]
- *103. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 382 of 4 October 2022, the reason that the student's application is deemed closed (details supplied). Sean Sherlock. [52243/22]
- *104. To ask the Minister for Education if she will include industrial school survivors in the redress scheme, which would see them also receive a State pension (contributory) and medical card. Paul Murphy. [52248/22]
- *105. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will expand the education fund which was established as part of the redress scheme in 2002, reopening the scheme to include the children of survivors who have previously been denied the funding due to their being "too young" to avail of it at the time. Paul Murphy. [52249/22]
- *106. To ask the Minister for Education if industrial school survivors can be recognised as a category of persecuted people, as per the wishes of the survivors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [52250/22]
- *107. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether it is just or equitable, that there appears to be no mechanism for persons who made a complaint about the behaviour of a teacher towards a child (details supplied) to appeal a decision made by the Teaching Council in that regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [52253/22]
- *108. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department views the lack of an appeals process in the matter of a decision made by the Teaching Council regarding a complaint as contrary to the common-law principles of natural justice; if her Department is in favour of the introduction of such an appeals process for complaints and complainants; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

 Réada Cronin. [52254/22]
- *109. To ask the Minister for Education if she will identify the primary legislation within the Teaching Council Act 2001 or the Teaching Council (Amendments) Act 2015 that provides the legal grounds for the investigating committee of the Teaching Council to refuse an application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [52255/22]
- *110. To ask the Minister for Education if she will identify the primary legislation within the Teaching Council Act 2001 and Teaching Council (Amendments) Act 2015 that provides for

- refusing a complaint, classifying it as frivolous; the officers of the Teaching Council who retain that power; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [52256/22]
- *111. To ask the Minister for Education the legislation that provides for a determination of the seriousness of a complaint during the investigating committee process of the Teaching Council under part V section 42; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [52257/22]
- *112. To ask the Minister for Education if a student (details supplied) who has missed nearly ten days of school this year due to lack of transport can be approved for a school bus ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [52258/22]
- *113. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that the DEIS status was not granted to a school (details supplied) despite approximately 80% of its student population residing in an area of extreme social and economic disadvantage; and if she will provide the school's ranking within the refined DEIS identification and its scores on the Pobal HP Deprivation index. Mary Lou McDonald. [52281/22]
- *114. To ask the Minister for Education when a school build project (details supplied) will move to the tender stage. Mary Lou McDonald. [52295/22]
- *115. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that the developing school post at a school (details supplied) in County Meath is retained, the loss of which would result in the amalgamation of classes and increase class ratio size in a town which has a growing population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [52309/22]
- *116. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 96 of 12 October 2022, the number of applicants from County Monaghan for the school transport scheme in 2022 who have yet to receive a bus ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52317/22]
- *117. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an application by a school (details supplied) for a school building; and if she will provide a timeline for commencement and completion of the works. Eoin Ó Broin. [52362/22]
- *118. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department or the high-level working group, chaired by the Secretary General to examine the way in which the National Educational Psychological Services can best continue to recruit adequate numbers of suitably qualified staff, intend to meet or consult with an organisation (details supplied), to inform their interim recommendations in Q2 of 2023 regarding any other short-term measures required in advance of their final report to address supply issues of suitably qualified educational psychologists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [52369/22]
- *119. To ask the Minister for Education the number of educational psychologists who are currently employed by the Health Service Executive; if the HSE intends not to employ educational psychologists in primary care and CAMHS services moving forward, given that trainee educational psychologists were excluded from the new funding provided for professional psychology training introduced in Budget 2023; her plans, if any, to ensure the recruitment and retainment of suitably qualified educational psychologists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [52372/22]

- *120. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied). Peter Burke. [52373/22]
- *121. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to an additional accommodation project for a school (details supplied) which is with her Department since October 2020; if she will request that her Department makes contact with consultants who are acting on the school's behalf and are still awaiting feedback from her Department since their meeting in July 2022 regarding defining a template to streamline stage 1 reports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [52446/22]
- *122. To ask the Minister for Education if an eligible pupil (details supplied) in County Mayo will be provided with school transport, in light of the additional funding which was approved in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [52447/22]
- *123. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to correspondence from a person (details supplied); her plans to address the concerns raised by this school principal; the measures that are being taken to alleviate the obstacles and alleviate the current crisis in obtaining substitute teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [52448/22]
- *124. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools identified as non-compliant with the provisions of the 2015 Arbitration Agreement in relation to school secretaries and caretakers employed by the schools through the capitation grant scheme from 2019 to date in 2022, by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Sorca Clarke. [52454/22]
- *125. To ask the Minister for Education the number of voluntary secondary schools and private schools which receive assistance in the form of the capitation grant to provide for secretarial caretaking services from 2019 to date in 2022, by county in tabular form; the system used to decide the allocation to each school to allow them to meet the particular needs of their school; the supervision utilised to ensure that persons employed in these roles are appropriately renumerated and have the relevant employment conditions applied in each situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Sorca Clarke. [52455/22]
- *126. To ask the Minister for Education the amount made available to pay school caretakers in respect of the capitation grant scheme from 2019 to date in 2022, by county in tabular form. Sorca Clarke. [52456/22]
- *127. To ask the Minister for Education the amount made available to pay school secretaries in respect of the capitation grant scheme from 2019 to date in 2022, by county in tabular form. Sorca Clarke. [52457/22]

Chun an Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Minister for Social Protection.

- *128. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the double autumn social welfare payment will be paid to recipients of jobseeker's benefit, jobseeker's allowance or supplementary welfare allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [52085/22]
- *129. Toaskthe Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is currently eligible for any form of State pension; the reason she was refused access to the State pension in her previous application.

 Sean Sherlock. [52134/22]

- *130. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for an invalidity pension by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [52145/22]
- *131. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for an invalidity pension by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [52147/22]
- *132. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has spoken with her United States counterpart to date in 2022. Thomas Gould. [52155/22]
- *133. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Cork is entitled to the fuel allowance. Michael Creed. [52223/22]
- *134. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that those on community employment schemes are excluded from receiving fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [52242/22]
- *135. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify community employment scheme participants' eligibility for the fuel allowance; if a person can retain their entitlement to fuel allowance once they join a CE scheme; if they can apply for fuel allowance once they are on a CE scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Claire Kerrane. [52277/22]
- *136. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the plans to address the pay scales and current pay rates of the community employment supervisors and assistant supervisors, given the valuable and dedicated service that CE supervisors and assistant supervisors provide in running CE schemes and in delivering local based community services; the measures that are being taken to alleviate the financial difficulties which community employment supervisors and assistant supervisors working in this sector are experiencing; if additional funding will be made available to such local-based community service organisations to provide pay increases to their staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [52278/22]
- *137. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the applications for an invalidity pension and fuel allowance in the name of a person (details supplied) will be expedited and approved. John McGuinness. [52282/22]
- *138. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for carer's allowance which has been approved in the name of a person (details supplied) will be backdated to the date of the original application in 2021; if arrears have already been paid based on the recent approval and the circumstances of the applicant during this period; and if a review of the applications will be expedited. John McGuinness. [52314/22]
- *139. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the Intreo offices that are currently open for public services cards appointments in the Dublin 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 areas. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [52315/22]
- *140. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for fuel allowance based on his entitlement to a State pension (contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [52379/22]

- *141. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of agents acting on behalf of a person who cannot manage their own financial affairs within the Department; and if she will provide a breakdown of the number of agents categorised across social protection schemes in tabular form. Marian Harkin. [52386/22]
- *142. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if current arrangements with regard to the appointment of agents acting on behalf of a person who cannot manage their own financial affairs will remain valid in view of the commencement of the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015 or if amendments will be necessary. Marian Harkin. [52387/22]
- *143. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to reports that in order to claim illness benefit for Covid-related illness, a PCR test is not accepted, and that an individual is expected to attain a medical certificate from a doctor at considerable cost; if she will revoke this requirement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [52395/22]

Chun an Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige: To the Minister for Children, Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth.

- *144. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the Government will fully commence the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [52337/22]
- *145. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of indications received by his office in recent weeks, from early childcare providers, stating that they will have to close their business in the next year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [52200/22]
- *146. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the mental health survey carried out by an organisation (details supplied); if so, if he will provide details of the findings of the survey; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Peadar Tóibín. [52201/22]
- *147. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he will respond to correspondence from this Deputy's office dated to August 2022; and the reason that he has not responded to date (details supplied). Peadar Tóibín. [52202/22]
- *148. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the entity that is responsible for the physical maintenance of direct provision centres. Peadar Tóibín. [52203/22]
- *149. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the conditions of a building with broken windows and caged windows to the rear of a building (details supplied) which is operating as a direct provision centre; if asylum seekers are currently living in the building; if they were ever living in the building; if so, the date upon which they vacated the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [52204/22]
- *150. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will seek a proper debate in Dáil Éireann on the topic of historical child abuse within the foster care system.

 Peadar Tóibín. [52206/22]

- *151. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when it is expected that the Farrelly Commission of Investigation will produce its final report. Peadar Tóibín. [52207/22]
- *152. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide statistics of the death rate among persons under 18 years in Ireland; and the death rate among persons aged under 18 years who are in State care, both residential and fostering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [52208/22]
- *153. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions that he is undertaking to reduce the death rate among asylum seekers within the Internal Protection Accommodation Service. Peadar Tóibín. [52209/22]
- *154. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions that his Department is taking to reduce child poverty and child homelessness. Peadar Tóibín. [52210/22]
- *155. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the action that he is taking to reduce the death rate among children in State care, in both residential care and fostering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [52211/22]
- *156. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider issuing a State apology to members of the Travelling community regarding the systematic abuse, racism and discrimination that they have endured for decades under successive governments, particularly in the form of legislation which sought to prevent Travellers from travelling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [52212/22]
- *157. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of international protection applicants who have undergone an assessment for eligibility under the Child Care Act 1991 and the Child Care (Amendment) Act 2022 with Tusla, the child and family agency to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52215/22]
- *158. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the breakdown of decisions by Tusla following eligibility assessments of international protection applicants under the Child Care (Amendment) Act 2022 to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52216/22]
- *159. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide further details on the statement in Budget 2023 that accommodation for vulnerable applicants will be developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52217/22]
- *160. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of international protection applicants who are accommodated in tented accommodation; and the location of those sites in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52218/22]
- *161. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons currently accommodated in a hotel (details supplied); the capacity of that hotel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52219/22]

- *162. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons in accommodation provided by the International Protection and Accommodation Service who have refugee status, subsidiary protection or permission to remain; if he will provide a breakdown of their location by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52220/22]
- *163. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of minor international protection applicants who are sharing a room with an adult who is not their parent or guardian; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52221/22]
- *164. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the asylum, migration and integration fund; when an open call for funding will be launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52222/22]
- *165. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of AIM supported childcare positions available in County Tipperary together; the location of all AIM supported childcare services in County Tipperary; the supports that are available to a child with special needs who cannot access childcare services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Mattie McGrath. [52320/22]
- *166. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on plans to relocate 60 Ukrainian families to Thurles; if the essential educational and health wrap-around supports will be provided in unison with this move; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [52465/22]

Chun an Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta: To the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research; Innovation and Science.

- *167. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the membership of the disability advisors' working network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [52082/22]
- *168. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there was an underspend in the fund for students with disabilities in each of the years 2017 to 2021; the extent of any such underspend; if and to where any underspend in funding was reassigned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [52083/22]
- *169. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if students with disabilities from here studying in Northern Ireland have access to the fund for students with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [52084/22]
- *170. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider extending the fund for students with disabilities to part-time students studying in further education institutions as recommended in the 2017 review of the Fund for Students with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [52064/22]
- *171. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his actions to increase the number of disabled people in the apprenticeship system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [52065/22]

- *172. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his actions to increase the number of disability support staff in further and higher education institutions to reflect the increase in the number of disabled students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [52066/22]
- *173. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the ratio of disability support staff to disabled students in further and higher education institutions from 2016/2017 academic year to the 2020/2021 academic year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [52067/22]
- *174. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views that the disability support staff should be aware of the different types of disability and the supports required for each of these disabilities; if he has plans to introduce training for disability support staff to ensure they have knowledge of a broad range of disabilities and the supports required for each of these disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [52068/22]
- *175. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what his Department intends to use the Technological University of Dublin, Aungier Street premises for in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [52074/22]
- *176. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons who have achieved QQI qualification in childcare, early childhood education and care, or montessori, by NFQ level, in each of the years 2000 to 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [52159/22]
- *177. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will set-out a timeline to publish a general scheme of a new research Bill in the context of the Impact 2030 strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Paul Phelan. [52265/22]
- *178. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the plan for moving TU Dublin students from the Aungier St. campus to Grangegorman; the plans for the building once the students have been relocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [52311/22]
- *179. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a student has to repeat a year in college due to ill health will receive the €1,000 cost-of-living payment of tuition regardless of the SUSI position on issuing grants for a repeat year. Robert Troy. [52322/22]
- *180. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to increase the availability of third level places for pharmacy students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [52347/22]
- *181. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that Maynooth University terminated the construction of the new student centre project; the status of levies paid by students to fund the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Patricia Ryan. [52348/22]

*182. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that third level students from a college (details supplied) are not entitled to the €1,000 rebate on their college fees announced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [52392/22]

Chun an Aire Dlí agus Cirt: To the Minister for Justice.

- *183. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will clarify the situation where elected representatives are deemed as politically exposed when trying to get loans and setting up bank accounts (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [52308/22]
- *184. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the review of the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011; and when this review may be published. Louise O'Reilly. [52137/22]
- *185. To ask the Minister for Justice the current status of the Explosives Bill 2021. Thomas Gould. [52157/22]
- *186. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to community policing and regular policing unit in Ballymun sub-district for the past five years, up to the latest date possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [52227/22]
- *187. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to the drugs unit in the Ballymun sub-district for the past five years up to the latest date possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [52228/22]
- *188. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí per person for the DMR north division; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [52229/22]
- *189. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to the drugs unit in Finglas sub-district for the past five years up to the latest date possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [52230/22]
- *190. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to community policing and regular policing in Finglas sub-district for the past five years up to the latest date possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [52231/22]
- *191. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a breakdown of the number of gardaí per person in each sub-district throughout Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

 Paul McAuliffe. [52232/22]
- *192. To ask the Minister for Justice if Ireland will opt-in to Regulation (EU) 2021/2303 on the European Union Agency for Asylum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52237/22]
- *193. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of applications under the Afghan admission programme which have been brought forward to the second stage of the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52238/22]
- *194. To ask the Minister for Justice if visa applications for Afghan family members of Irish citizens and Afghan nationals living in Ireland are still being processed "speedily and sympathetically", as per her statement to Dáil Éireann on 16 June 2022 stating that "visa applications for Afghan

- family members of Irish citizens and Afghan nationals living in Ireland are being assessed speedily and sympathetically"; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52239/22]
- *195. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department is developing a fast-track or prioritisation process for applications under the policy document for non-EEA family reunification, following a judgment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52240/22]
- *196. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of international protection applicants deemed adult by the International Protection Office under Section 24 of the International Protection Act 2015 to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52241/22]
- *197. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 221, 222 and 223 of 28 September 2022, when full replies will be issued. Mary Lou McDonald. [52284/22]
- *198. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the development of a statutory agency with a dedicated focus on domestic sexual and gender-based violence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52319/22]
- *199. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will introduce a digital system of appointment of legal aid lawyers for persons in Garda custody; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [52341/22]
- *200. To ask the Minister for Justice the funding that has been made available to the Garda Youth Division Programme (GYDP) in Limerick for the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Maurice Quinlivan. [52390/22]
- *201. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on a visa application by a person (details supplied). Paul McAuliffe. [52469/22]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

- *202. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 690 of 4 October 2022, if he will provide rates provided to each CHO; if procedures can be outlined that qualify for access to the fund; and if there are an operational guidelines/protocol in place for the PCERS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [52063/22]
- *203. To ask the Minister for Health in his Department's active pursuit of recruitment to vacant posts across the healthcare services, how many of the 123 occupational therapy graduates of 2021 have been added to the national panel for recruitment within the healthcare services; the number that have been extended a letter of offer to a vacant post within the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [52070/22]
- *204. To ask the Minister for Health in his Department's active pursuit of recruitment to vacant posts across the healthcare services, how many of the 228 physiotherapy graduates of 2021 have been added to the national panel for recruitment within the healthcare services; the number that have been extended a letter of offer to a vacant post within the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [52071/22]

- *205. To ask the Minister for Health in his Department's active pursuit of recruitment to vacant posts across the healthcare services, how many of the 119 speech and language therapy graduates of 2021 have been added to the national panel for recruitment within the healthcare services; the number that have been extended a letter of offer to a vacant post within the health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [52072/22]
- *206. To ask the Minister for Health in his Department's active pursuit of recruitment to vacant posts across the healthcare services, how many of the 1,451 graduates in psychology disciplines in 2021 have been added to the national panel for recruitment within the healthcare services; the number that have been extended a letter of offer to a vacant post within the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [52073/22]
- *207. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a memorandum of understanding agreement to provide access to private mental health beds in the absence of public beds for children attending CAMHS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mattie McGrath. [52075/22]
- *208. To ask the Minister for Health if a contract is now in place for processing payment of the pandemic recognition payment to non-HSE/non Section 38 healthcare employees covered by the Government decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [52076/22]
- *209. To ask the Minister for Health when a hoist will be available for use in the x-ray department at St. Joseph's care campus in Longford town (details supplied). Joe Flaherty. [52094/22]
- *210. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Freestyle Libre 2 application for reimbursement on the HSEs long-term illness scheme through the Community Funded AIDS and Appliances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [52095/22]
- *211. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the 2021 application to HSE to have the NovoPen 6 and the NovoPen Echo Plus Smart Insulin Pens included for reimbursement on the long-term Illness scheme; the reason this particular application still has not concluded over 12 months after the application was submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [52096/22]
- *212. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE plans to include the Omnipod tubeless, wireless insulin patch pump on the list of approved Insulin pumps that have been added to the Insulin Pump and Transmitter Pricing Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [52097/22]
- *213. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the difference between organisations and entities in the context of pay rises for those working in the community and voluntary sector (details supplied); if data provided as part of the Dáil debate on the issue will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [52098/22]
- *214. To ask the Minister for Health: if he will provide details of the €210,000 that was secured through Social Inclusion Ireland from dormant funds to fund a full time mental health post in Mosney, County Meath on a pilot basis for 3 years; if he will also provide the details on the date that the monies were secured and the expected timeline for commencement of the pilot programme; if he will make available any and all other details on the reason there have been for delays incurred to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [52099/22]

- *215. To ask the Minister for Health the directive or clinical recommendations that the HSE gives its medical consultants for prescribing insulin pumps for adults diagnosed with type 1 diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [52100/22]
- *216. To ask the Minister for Health the process employed by UL Hospitals Group in moving people from the waiting list to the adult outpatient's diabetes clinic list; the way the waiting list is monitored; the reason the number of people waiting up to two years has reduced but the number of people waiting in excess of two years is increasing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [52103/22]
- *217. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times the adult diabetes clinic is run; the number of speciality diabetes clinics that are run, for example, a young adult clinic, type 1 adult clinic, type 2 clinic, a diabetes podiatry clinic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [52104/22]
- *218. To ask the Minister for Health how often the adult diabetes clinic is run and the number of speciality diabetes clinics that are run, for example, a young adult clinic, type 1 adult clinic, type 2 clinic, a diabetes podiatry clinic and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [52105/22]
- *219. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the research commissioned by his Department to inform the three-year review on the implementation of Termination of Pregnancy Services (the service providers' perspective) which was due to be completed in September 2022; when the report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52106/22]
- *220. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the IVF funding to be made available; and the criteria for acceptance. Brian Stanley. [52108/22]
- *221. To ask the Minister for Health if the research commissioned by his Department to inform the three-year review on the implementation of termination of pregnancy services has been completed; when this report will be made available to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [52138/22]
- *222. To ask the Minister for Health when the €750,000 funding for counselling psychology training places in 2023 will commence; if it will be accessible for current students or only for students present in the new academic year beginning September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patrick Costello. [52150/22]
- *223. To ask the Minister for Health if current final year counselling psychology doctoral students will have access to the €750,000 announced to fund counselling psychology training places in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patrick Costello. [52151/22]
- *224. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of beds available in Cork University Hospital in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022 by department. Thomas Gould. [52153/22]
- *225. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time clinical pharmacists that are employed by HSE in CHO4 in the years of 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. Thomas Gould. [52154/22]

- *226. To ask the Minister for Health the total cybersecurity structures currently in place within the health service; the number of persons who are employed in cybersecurity in Ireland; and the annual budget. Peadar Tóibín. [52158/22]
- *227. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be transferred to the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dún Laoghaire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [52168/22]
- *228. To ask the Minister for Health the progress on introducing the proposed transport support scheme to replace the removal of the mobility allowance and motorised transport grant which were removed in 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [52197/22]
- *229. To ask the Minister for Health when urgent cranioplasty surgery will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied) who needs to move to the National Rehabilitation Centre in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [52225/22]
- *230. To ask the Minister for Health if a follow-up appointment is pending or forthcoming for a person (details supplied) who was supposed to be recalled within two weeks, following their appointment on 3 May 2022, for cataract surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [52234/22]
- *231. To ask the Minister for Health if an orthopaedic bed can be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [52247/22]
- *232. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE's performance management and improvement unit presented him with a report on its findings and recommendations, following its four-week visit to University Hospital Limerick; and if so, if he will publish the report. Alan Kelly. [52251/22]
- *233. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) who is 7 years of age and was only recently diagnosed with autism will receive much needed supports. Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [52252/22]
- *234. To ask the Minister for Health when he intends to outline Ireland's national position in respect of the revision of the EU pharmaceutical strategy; if his Department intends to meet with representatives of the pharmaceutical industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Paul Phelan. [52267/22]
- *235. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 227 and 228 of 28 September 2022, if he will provide a further breakdown of the total current HSE residential budget for disabled persons, including the number of individuals supported in residences directly funded by the HSE; the current budget for this provision; the number of individuals supported in residences funded through Section 38 and 39 organisations; the current budget for this provision; the number of individuals supported in residences through private providers; and the current budget for this provision, in tabular form. Róisín Shortall. [52273/22]
- *236. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 227 and 228 of 28 September 2022, if he will provide a further breakdown of the full current HSE residential budget for disabled persons, including the number of individuals and amounts of funding provided for residential funding allocated to the 2400 persons living in congregated settings and or group homes; and the amount of residential funding allocated to persons living in community homes of four persons or less, in tabular form. Róisín Shortall. [52274/22]

- *237. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that the Government is putting in place to help support a vital service during the cost-of-living crisis (details supplied). Mary Lou McDonald. [52276/22]
- *238. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [52279/22]
- *239. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children referred from Ireland to a clinic (details supplied) for gender identity treatment in each of the past ten years. Charles Flanagan. [52287/22]
- *240. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the contractual relationship and service agreement entered into between Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin and a clinic (details supplied); and if such an agreement remains in place to date. Charles Flanagan. [52288/22]
- *241. To ask the Minister for Health if representatives of a clinic (details supplied) attended on site at Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin for the purposes of treating children with gender identity issues; and if so, when; and under which legal arrangement. Charles Flanagan. [52289/22]
- *242. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the process, practice and procedure in respect of medical and psychological assessment undertaken in respect of children referred by the HSE to a clinic (details supplied). Charles Flanagan. [52290/22]
- *243. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the nature and form of appropriate and accepted published long-term scientific studies or sources relied upon in respect of referrals of children from Ireland with gender identity issues to a clinic (details supplied). Charles Flanagan. [52291/22]
- *244. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on and projected timeframe for payment of the pandemic bonus for frontline workers in eligible organisations outside of the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [52292/22]
- *245. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that additional resources are provided, without delay, to enhance an inadequate health service at present (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Smith. [52306/22]
- *246. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the CervicalCheck testing of samples will resume at a hospital (details supplied); the reason for the delay in resuming services at this location: the number of staff that have been recruited for the testing of samples at this location; the number of vacancies that are outstanding. Catherine Murphy. [52312/22]
- *247. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a schedule of hospitals that export CervicalCheck samples for testing to other jurisdictions; and the number of samples that have been exported by hospital in 2022. Catherine Murphy. [52313/22]
- *248. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doctors were recruited by the HSE in 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [52318/22]
- *249. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting to access child development services with the Brothers of Charity in County Tipperary; the number of child development

- services places available to pre-school children in County Tipperary; the supports that are available for children who cannot access pre-school childcare due to their disability and lack of appropriate services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mattie McGrath. [52321/22]
- *250. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 230 of 25 May 2022, the status of the development of a primary care centre on Inisbofin; if he will provide a progress update on the site acquisition; the details of his and the HSE's engagement with Galway County Council and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media since June 2022, with regard to progressing with the purchase of the identified site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52323/22]
- *251. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 943 of 12 July 2022, the number of respite beds currently operational within Merlin Park community nursing unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52324/22]
- *252. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physiotherapists currently employed in Clifden District Hospital; the details of any recruitment campaign or plans for same for physiotherapist roles in Clifden District Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52325/22]
- *253. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2056 of 8 September 2022, the status of the proposed primary care centre for Galway west; the status of development of the traffic engineering studies; if the pre-planning meeting with the local authority has been arranged to date; the expected timeline for the submission of the planning application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52326/22]
- *254. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds currently operational in Galway city and county; the locations of same; when he expects respite provision to be restored to prepandemic levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52327/22]
- *255. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement that he has had with the HSE with regard to the relocation in September 2022 of day care services from St Brendan's CNU Loughrea to a hotel (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52328/22]
- *256. To ask the Minister for Health when the Government will commence a full public inquiry into the deaths of residents and quality of care in nursing homes during the pandemic, and systemic failures in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [52336/22]
- *257. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to review the fees paid to pharmacists for the dispensing of medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [52342/22]
- *258. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to make free contraception available through community pharmacies without prescription; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [52343/22]
- *259. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a nationwide children's eye-care programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [52344/22]
- *260. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the crisis due to the lack of availability of general practitioners in counties Kildare, Laois and Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [52345/22]

- *261. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the crisis due to the lack of availability of dentists in counties Kildare, Laois and Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [52346/22]
- *262. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on planned works at the Monasterevin day-care centre; when it is expected to re-open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patricia Ryan. [52355/22]
- *263. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 281 of 28 September 2022 and 682 of 11 October 2022, if he has reconsidered his position regarding creating an elective hospital for the mid-west given that his replies stated absolutely that no elective hospital is planned for the mid-west (details supplied). Alan Kelly. [52361/22]
- *264. To ask the Minister for Health the number of educational psychologists who are currently employed by the Health Service Executive; if the HSE intends not to employ educational psychologists in primary care and CAMHS services moving forward, given that trainee educational psychologists were excluded from the new funding provided for professional psychology training introduced in Budget 2023; his plans, if any, to ensure the recruitment and retainment of suitably qualified educational psychologists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [52370/22]
- *265. To ask the Minister for Health the number of open beds in each HSE and voluntary hospital on 13 October in each of the years 2019 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [52381/22]
- *266. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of money that has been allocated to a third-party contractor to administer the pandemic recognition payment to non-HSE staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [52382/22]
- *267. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered the merits of extending the Laura Brennan HPV vaccine catch-up scheme to women up to age of 35 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [52383/22]
- *268. To ask the Minister for Health the engagements that he or his advisers have had with organisations (details supplied) in relation to winter planning for 2022/2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [52384/22]
- *269. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that the fine detail of fertility treatments will be moved from primary legislation to AHR Regulatory Authority regulation and medical guidelines, in order that nothing in the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction Bill) 2022 will stop Irish patients from being able to receive new fertility treatments as they become available in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [52385/22]
- *270. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the qualifying criteria for the €100 million one-off health sector fund announced in Budget 2023; when section 39 organisations, nursing homes and hospices will be provided with information regarding this funding; if he will outline the arrangements for applying; the timeline that he is working towards for issuing funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [52440/22]
- *271. To ask the Minister for Health if Section 56 and 10 agencies and other community and voluntary organisations will be eligible to apply for the €100 million one-off health sector funding

- announced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [52442/22]
- *272. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the severe impact of inflation on rural nursing homes, in light of the number of rural nursing homes which are closing; the steps that he is taking to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [52443/22]
- *273. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering introducing medical cards on a mandatory basis for amputees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [50601/22]

Chun an Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara: To the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

- *274. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of the call from a group (details supplied) for forest premiums in the next forestry programme not to be available to large scale institutional forestry investment funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [52086/22]
- *275. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on concerns from farmers that the implementation of the EU Animal Health Law Regulations 2016/429 may distort competition by disincentivising the sale of cattle farm-to-farm or via marts in favour of directly to meat processing plants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52124/22]
- *276. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he expects the finance working group of the bovine TB stakeholder forum to report regarding the payment for any additional testing required arising from the implementation of the EU Animal Health Law Regulations 2016/429; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52125/22]
- *277. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the aim and clause within the EU Animal Health Law Regulations 2016/429 requiring the new regulations applying specifically to males over the age of 36 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52126/22]
- *278. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on his engagements with farmers regarding the phase two implementation of the EU Animal Health Law Regulations 2016/429; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52127/22]
- *279. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the proposed requirements of phase two of the implementation of EU Animal Health Law Regulations 2016/429; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52128/22]
- *280. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date of the meeting where the bovine TB stakeholders' forum agreed to the introduction of mandatory requirements in relation to the EU Animal Health Law Regulations 2016/429; if agreement was forthcoming from the forum as a whole or by one of the working groups; and if so, which working group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52129/22]
- *281. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the phase 1 requirements of the EU Animal Health Law Regulations 2016/429 implemented by his Department allow any discretion regarding a herd being restricted if an animal does not meet the requirements and is not

- tested within 30 days, in the case of force majeure or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52130/22]
- *282. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the work of the bovine TB stakeholders' forum and the implementation, finance and scientific working groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52131/22]
- *283. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the organisations that have representation on the bovine TB stakeholders' forum; the members of each of the working groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52132/22]
- *284. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current requirements regarding the testing of cattle for bovine TB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52133/22]
- *285. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the delay in payment under the ANC scheme for a person (details supplied); when they expect the cause of any delay to be resolved and payment to issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52135/22]
- *286. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 226 of 12 October 2022, the total amount of co-financing provided by the State in relation to funding from the European Multiannual Financial Framework through Budget 2023; the total amount of co-financing provided through the EUMFF and the total spend in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52136/22]
- *287. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the new bTB regulations that have come into effect to date in 2022; those scheduled to come into effect in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52140/22]
- *288. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of hectares under or in conversion to organic production for the years 2017 to 2021 and to date in 2022; the number targeted until 2030 by year in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52141/22]
- *289. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the schemes that will be available for beef farmers in 2023; the financial allocation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52142/22]
- *290. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the progress made in implementing the actions of the working paper to address challenges related to peat supply in the horticulture sector by timeframe, short, medium and long-term in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52143/22]
- *291. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications for green certificate places in agricultural colleges in the academic years beginning in each of the years 2019 to 2022; the number of available places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [52144/22]

- *292. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when his Department initiated contact with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform regarding the next forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [52194/22]
- *293. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied that his Department officials began discussions with all other Departments and the European Commission in a timely manner to ensure that there will be no delay in launching the next forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [52195/22]
- *294. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any delay by his Department in launching the new forestry programme will impact negatively on planting, and therefore affect climate action afforestation targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [52196/22]
- *295. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the new forestry programme 2023-2027 will be launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [52198/22]
- *296. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is currently planning the introduction of payments and compensation to farmers to reduce herd sizes to meet climate emission targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [52275/22]

Chun an Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail: To the Minister for Rural and Community Development.

- *297. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans, if any, to introduce capital funding schemes modelled on the REDZ scheme to invest in the development and or expansion of local enterprise centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Ged Nash. [52389/22]
- *298. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will confirm the way the €60 million announced in Budget 2023 to support community and voluntary organisations with energy costs will be allocated; the framework for assistance under same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [52396/22]

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Chun an Aire Dlí agus Cirt: To the Minister for Justice.

- 1. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the development and implementation of the Garda Reserve strategy 2021-2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [52413/22]
- 2. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline her legislative priorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Joe Carey. [51444/22]

- 3. To ask the Minister for Justice the trends in anti-social behaviour since the end of Covid that require changes in the policy approaches taken by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Richard Bruton. [51943/22]
- 4. To ask the Minister for Justice the additional measures that will be introduced to reduce access to illegal drugs which are causing serious problems in communities throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Smith. [52114/22]
- 5. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on whether the punishment must match the crime; if she is considering introducing legislation to increase the maximum sentence for any crime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Joe Carey. [51443/22]
- 6. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to increase the financial and human resources available to the Legal Aid Board to enable persons with disabilities to vindicate their rights in court, in view of the fact that the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Bill 2022 is close to completing all stages of the legislative process and the decision support service will open thereafter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [52429/22]
- 7. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the possibility of including time accrued with student and graduate visas towards the five years residency required to apply for citizenship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [51376/22]
- 8. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the launch of the Irish Travellers' Access to Justice landmark report, published recently by the University of Limerick that found that Travellers' trust in the Irish criminal justice system is extremely low; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [52181/22]
- 9. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department will undertake a comprehensive review of economic crime, financial fraud and scamming given the increased prevalence of economic crime arising online and through digital technology and its growing threat to consumers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [46289/22]
- 10. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda youth diversion projects in Cork city and county; if there are plans over the coming months to extend the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52187/22]
- 11. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the legal aid review being undertaken. Niamh Smyth. [51504/22]
- 12. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on any progress made on advancing duty-of-care legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51619/22]
- 13. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons facilitated in relocating to this country under the Afghan Admission Programme; the number of persons who have been accepted but are yet to be relocated; the number of persons refused participation in the programme; and the reason for the refusals. Holly Cairns. [36289/22]
- 14. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to tackle anti-social behaviour in Irish cities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [52459/22]

- 15. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to review, expand and further support the community alert service nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [52357/22]
- 16. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which the ongoing battle against organised crime is set to continue, with particular reference to the need to remove the crime barons from society in Ireland and throughout Europe or elsewhere; if An Garda Síochána continues to have access to adequate resources to meet this challenge; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

 Bernard J. Durkan. [52340/22]
- 17. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in achieving the Istanbul Convention targets for refuge spaces for domestic violence victims; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [52422/22]
- 18. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to introduce compulsory disability training for those involved in the administration of justice, in view of the fact that the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Bill 2022 is close to completing all stages of the legislative process and the decision support service will open thereafter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [52428/22]
- 19. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on efforts to tackle rural crime, and to particularly protect those who are vulnerable, either living alone or in rural, isolated areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [52120/22]
- 20. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a detailed update on the progress made with respect to the Drogheda implementation report; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

 Fergus O'Dowd. [52170/22]
- 21. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline her Department's plan going forward to expand the availability of domestic violence refuge in the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [52051/22]
- 22. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of gardaí who have been assaulted while on active duty in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. Peadar Tóibín. [51621/22]
- 23. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 590 of 11 October 2022, the reason for the delay in approving applications under the Afghan admissions programme, which was announced in September 2021, but under which no applications have been approved to date; the analysis that her Department has carried out into the eligibility criteria for the programme; if they are operating as intended; the timeline for when decisions on applications will be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52189/22]
- 24. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the status of Operation Citizen and high-visibility policing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Neale Richmond. [51375/22]
- 25. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress in the delivery of the new Cork county Garda divisional headquarters in Macroom; her engagement with the OPW on progressing the delivery of the divisional headquarters in Macroom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [52436/22]

- 26. To ask the Minister for Justice the current strength of the Garda Reserve; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [52176/22]
- 27. To ask the Minister for Justice the mental and emotional supports that are available to members of An Garda Síochána who, in the course of their duties, are faced with tragic and violent situations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [52423/22]
- 28. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases at Circuit Court level that have been heard in Limerick courthouse since it was opened; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

 Maurice Quinlivan. [52334/22]
- 29. To ask the Minister for Justice the role she believes that the Garda reserve should play in policing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [52116/22]
- 30. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has received the scoping report into the death of a person (details supplied); and the actions that she intends to take on foot of that report. Matt Carthy. [51969/22]
- 31. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will indicate her support for a public inquiry into the killing of a person (details supplied) almost two years ago; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [52182/22]
- 32. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community gardaí currently serving in the Dublin south division; and if she will make a statement on the matter. John Lahart. [52183/22]
- 33. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new gardaí who have been recruited to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [52412/22]
- 34. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to bring forward legislation to enable the use of automatic number plate recognition systems to assist gardaí in their law enforcement duties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brian Leddin. [52445/22]
- 35. To ask the Minister for Justice if a specific transport police unit will be introduced, in light of public safety fears concerning public transport, especially at night; and if she will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [52425/22]
- 36. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on when the community safety innovation fund successful projects are expected to be announced; the total number of applications received; the future plans to expand the fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [52169/22]
- 37. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the independent review of part IV of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017; the timeline for the publication of the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52190/22]
- 38. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide details of funding, resources and so on that are available in Budget 2023 for the domestic violence sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [51377/22]

- 39. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions that she has taken and plans to take in response to the substantial shortcomings found on handling of 999 calls; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [52404/22]
- 40. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the fact that an organisation (details supplied) has submitted a report to the UN highlighting the case of a person, recommending that the investigation include consideration of issues of race and discrimination; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [52408/22]
- 41. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on plans to refurbish Wicklow District Courthouse; when it is anticipated that works will commence; the timeframe for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. John Brady. [51940/22]
- 42. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will account for the long delays faced by non-EU PhD researchers when applying for their yearly stamp; and if her Department will consider conducting a review of visa renewals for PhDs, to allow for essential work-related travel year-round for the duration of all candidates' PhDs. Gary Gannon. [51681/22]
- 43. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has engaged with the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to consider legislative and policy measures to prevent the recording of and subsequent sharing of videos of acts of violence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [52366/22]
- 44. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the expected completion date for the procurement process and opening date of the domestic violence refuge accommodation centre in County Laois. Brian Stanley. [51841/22]
- 45. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding the development of an online portal through which citizens can report traffic offences, as positively referenced by An Garda Síochána at a recent Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice; if it will be enabled through the Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Bill 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [52432/22]
- 46. To ask the Minister for Justice the current progress of the promised legislation on duty of care in relation to occupier's liability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. John Brady. [51941/22]
- 47. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps that are being taken to address the lack of judges in the Irish legal system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Patrick Costello. [51006/22]
- 48. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide the probation services the resources they need to expand the strive programme in the Ballymun sub-district as recommended in the "Ballymun a Brighter Future Report"; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [52123/22]
- 49. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will indicate the learnings to date from the pilot initiatives in the new approach to community policing; and the implications they have for the rollout of the approach nationwide. Richard Bruton. [51942/22]

- 50. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí in each of the Cork stations now and at their peak. Thomas Gould. [52331/22]
- 51. To ask the Minister for Justice the current strength of the Garda Reserve; the gender breakdown of the Garda Reserve; the situation with regard to recruitment to the Garda Reserve; and if she will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [52356/22]
- 52. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date into any developments on an independent inquiry into the death of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

 Bríd Smith. [52421/22]
- 53. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the details of the newly launched rural safety plan 2022-2024; the planned outcomes of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [52458/22]
- 54. To ask the Minister for Justice when additional commissioners will be appointed to the Data Protection Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [52426/22]
- 55. To ask the Minister for Justice the projects which will be funded by the capital allocations to the Courts Service in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pa Daly. [51611/22]
- 56. To ask the Minister for Justice if she intends to establish an independent public inquiry into the death of a person (details supplied), as previously agreed by both Houses of the Oireachtas. Matt Carthy. [51968/22]
- 57. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new gardaí recruited for each station in the County Cork from January to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [52435/22]
- 58. To ask the Minister for Justice when she intends to respond to the recommendations in the "Ballymun a Brighter Future Report" commissioned by Dublin City Council and presented to the Taoiseach at the Dublin North West area Joint Policing Committee in July 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [52122/22]
- 59. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the work of her Department in tackling drug-related intimidation and reporting. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [52410/22]
- 60. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who are fully trained in high-speed driving and pursuit in the Blanchardstown, Finglas and Cabra area. Paul Donnelly. [51649/22]
- 61. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on actions in the Justice Plan 2022 regarding reform of sentencing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Joe McHugh. [51642/22]
- 62. To ask the Minister for Justice if she intends to strengthen trespassing laws, to add more protection to the property owner; the efforts that her Department is taking to deter trespassing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [52121/22]

- 63. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will carry out a review in respect of the current measures available and their effectiveness in dealing with, addressing and reducing anti-social behaviour. Kieran O'Donnell. [52411/22]
- 64. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is concerned by the number of instances of ramming of Garda vehicles annually; her views that such actions warrant being classified as a stand-alone crime, carrying a lengthy sentence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [52367/22]
- 65. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community gardaí who are currently assigned to Longford Garda stations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Joe Flaherty. [52434/22]
- 66. To ask the Minister for Justice if Operation Tombola will run prior to Halloween 2022; the way in which her Department plans to tackle anti-social behaviour in the run-up to Halloween; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Neale Richmond. [51371/22]
- 67. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vehicles in the Garda fleet that are electric, by vehicle type and station in tabular form; the percentage of vehicles in the Garda fleet that are electric; the number of vehicles in the Garda fleet that are reaching end of life within the next 12 months; the percentage of these that will be replaced with electric vehicles; the infrastructure that has been put in place throughout the Garda network to facilitate charging electric vehicles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [52397/22]
- 68. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new gardaí it is proposed to recruit in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [52175/22]
- 69. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the concerns of rank-and-file gardaí over proposed new rosters. Paul Donnelly. [51650/22]
- 70. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a detailed breakdown of domestic violence funding for his Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Kathleen Funchion. [50611/22]
- 71. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the budget allocated for the provision of a domestic violence refuge accommodation centre in County Laois. Brian Stanley. [51840/22]
- 72. To ask the Minister for Health the latest position on conducting a review of Covid-19 deaths in nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [52402/22]
- 73. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that employees from an organisation (details supplied) and other Section 39 organisation workers were excluded from the Covid-19 special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Steven Matthews. [52466/22]
- 74. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the planned Ballyhaunis primary care centre which had a scheduled operational date of Q4 in 2021, but which continues to be on hold as of 12 October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [52467/22]

- 75. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on when the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Bill 2022 will be brought back before Dáil Éireann for the next stage of the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [52374/22]
- 76. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children's disability network teams in both CHO3 and CHO5; the locations in which each team is based; the numbers of staff in WTE terms approved for each team; the numbers currently assigned to each team; the number of vacant positions on each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [52416/22]
- 77. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the finalisation of a terms of reference and the appointment of an independent chair to commence a review of the radiation therapy service provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [52414/22]
- 78. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the crisis in the shortage of funding to deal with the provision of Section 39 services (details supplied) who are struggling to continue to provide necessary services for children and adults. Danny Healy-Rae. [38903/22]
- 79. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount that it will cost the Exchequer to bring the pay of workers in Section 39 organisations in line with public service pay agreements Building Momentum and its potential successor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ged Nash. [48278/22]
- 80. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of long-Covid supports for children; his views on whether current supports are sufficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patrick Costello. [51008/22]
- 81. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the issue of backlogs in dental treatment for primary school children and the need for urgent recruitment of dentists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [52376/22]
- 82. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide further information on the €900,000 allocated to Cork and Galway for a paediatric neurology service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52090/22]
- 83. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children's disability network teams in CHO4; the locations in which each team is based; the numbers of staff, in WTE terms, approved for each team; the numbers currently assigned to each team; the number of vacant positions on each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Moynihan. [52173/22]
- 84. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the various hospital building/extension/replacement programmes in County Kildare and throughout the country with particular reference to the replacement of obsolete buildings, old-fashioned practices or facilities and the provision of a modern health service to meet the public demand of an increased population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [52354/22]
- 85. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the need for an elective hospital for Limerick and the mid-west (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Kieran O'Donnell. [52398/22]
- 86. To ask the Minister for Health if there has ever been a survey done of non-consultant/ SPR hospital doctors on their working conditions, number of consecutive days worked and their

annual leave allocated and taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [51721/22]

- 87. To ask the Minister for Health if he will put in place a contingency plan to ensure staffing levels are in place at Ennis injury unit following the closure of the unit on 20 August 2022 at short notice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [47993/22]
- 88. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the funding allocated by his Department in Budget 2023 for the provision of therapy services in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Barry Cowen. [52439/22]
- 89. To ask the Minister for Health if a community neuro-rehabilitation team will be provided in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joe Flaherty. [52451/22]
- 90. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the plans for a new elective hospital in Merlin Park, Galway; the timeline for the completion of the project; if this is phase one of the new elective and acute hospital proposed for the MPUH site, as set out as the preferred option in the Saolta University Health Care Group's "Options Appraisal for Saolta Model 4 Hospital Services in Galway" 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52192/22]
- 91. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the progressing disability services roadmap; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [52172/22]
- 92. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to provide a greater level of training for general practitioners across Ireland. Charles Flanagan. [52236/22]
- 93. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the full roll-out of early intervention in psychosis services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [52302/22]
- 94. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the long-delayed x-ray facilities to be up and running in Tuam primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [51143/22]
- 95. To ask the Minister for Health if he will re-evaluate the eligibility criteria currently being used by the HSE mental health services for counsellor / therapist positions which seem to be restrictive (details supplied); if the same criteria are to be used for counsellor / therapist positions in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Christopher O'Sullivan. [52409/22]
- 96. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a call by an organisation (details supplied) for ventilation in hospitals to be examined, to ensure the safety of nurses and midwives in their workplaces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [52403/22]
- 97. To ask the Minister for Health the action that he intends to take concerning the ongoing inability to staff the disability network teams; the impact that is having on early intervention for children with developmental delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [50101/22]
- 98. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for electronic health records; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [52303/22]

- 99. To ask the Minister for Health if a contractor has been appointed to construct the new building at Midleton Community Hospital; if so, when he expects work to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [52359/22]
- 100. To ask the Minister for Health when the cystic fibrosis drug kaftrio will be available for all children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [52162/22]
- 101. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will commence the process of prioritising the allocation announced in Budget 2023 of the 136 additional staff such as speech and language therapists, occupational therapists and physiotherapists to special schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Lahart. [52186/22]
- 102. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish a national screening programme for structural heart disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [51147/22]
- 103. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide more detail on his Budget 2023 commitment of €12.3 million to facilitate catch-up programmes for human papillomavirus vaccine to girls and boys at school and to women aged up to the age of 25 years in 2023; the estimated number of additional girls and boys in school and women up to age 25 years it is anticipated that this allocation will allow vaccinations to be provided for; if he will provide a breakdown on the way in which it is intended that this budget be used; if this budget is ringfenced for HPV or if it will be available for other vaccines; the start date for the funding allocation; the time period for which it will be dispersed; the locations in which the scheme can be accessed; the further programmes, if any, that he is considering to support vaccination in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [51570/22]
- 104. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the long waiting lists for treatment due to a chronic shortage of radiation therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [51145/22]
- 105. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the timeline for an inquiry into nursing home care during the Covid-19 outbreak; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51614/22]
- 106. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department is taking in relation to concerns about a shortage in radiation therapists to carry out treatment in Ireland. Niamh Smyth. [51505/22]
- 107. To ask the Minister for Health the current position in respect of the negotiations between his Department and the medical consultants' representative bodies in respect of the proposed new consultant contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [52294/22]
- 108. To ask the Minister for Health the engagements he has had with the RCSI Hospital Group with regard to expanding the operational opening times of the minor injuries' unit at Monaghan Hospital. Matt Carthy. [52117/22]
- 109. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the additional 23 specialist nurses in adult neurology services that will be allocated to the mid-west region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [52417/22]

- 110. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on when publicly funded IVF services will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Neale Richmond. [51384/22]
- 111. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has made kaftrio available to all adults and children who need the treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [52400/22]
- 112. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE or hospitals have ever conducted exit interviews on doctors leaving the Irish medical system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [51720/22]
- 113. To ask the Minister for Health when he intends to publish an action plan for implementation of the Disability Capacity Review recommendations relevant to the specialist services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [50434/22]
- 114. To ask the Minister for Health when staff in private nursing homes will receive the pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [52419/22]
- 115. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reimbursement pricing negotiations for the cystic fibrosis drug kaftrio as of October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [52377/22]
- 116. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether Ireland's national action plan on antimicrobial resistance is sufficiently robust to address the significant issue of antimicrobial resistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Patrick Costello. [51007/22]
- 117. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the additional 23 specialist nurses in adult neurology services who will be allocated to Sligo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Marc MacSharry. [52462/22]
- 118. To ask the Minister for Health when additional supports will be provided to small-scale nursing home providers in view of the substantial pressures on such providers due to increased costs at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Smith. [52111/22]
- 119. To ask the Minister for Health if the manpower planning exercise for Ireland's health service needs has identified the most immediate gaps to be filled and the longer-term needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Bruton. [51945/22]
- 120. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a report (details supplied) into the conditions at University Hospital Limerick. Violet-Anne Wynne. [52052/22]
- 121. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the 2022 budgets for the dental treatment services scheme, school dental scheme and the public PRSI-based scheme in CHO8. Brian Stanley. [52179/22]
- 122. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to ensure there is sufficient GP capacity in light of the free GP care provided in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Neale Richmond. [51385/22]

- 123. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the roll-out of the winter flu vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [51378/22]
- 124. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 100 of 12 July 2022, if the examination by his Department of the HSE's strategic assessment report regarding the new emergency department in University Hospital Galway has been completed to date; the status of the updated preliminary business case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [52191/22]
- 125. To ask the Minister for Health if the winter plans will result in any permanent increase in acute hospital bed numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [52420/22]
- 126. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he proposes to take to increase the number of general practitioners in rural areas. Charles Flanagan. [52235/22]
- 127. To ask the Minister for Health the location of the elective hospital in Cork; and when it will be fully operational. Thomas Gould. [52394/22]
- 128. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children's disability network teams in both CHO1 and CHO2; the locations in which each team is based; the numbers of staff in WTE terms approved for each team; the numbers currently assigned to each team; the number of vacant positions on each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Marc MacSharry. [52461/22]
- 129. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the independent review into the radiation therapy profession following agreement at the Workplace Relations Commission last year between an organisation (details supplied) the HSE and the Department of Health; the timeline for completion of this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [52300/22]
- 130. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of nurses who have retired before reaching retirement age in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. Peadar Tóibín. [51706/22]
- 131. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement that he has had recently with an organisation (details supplied). Pa Daly. [51609/22]
- 132. To ask the Minister for Health when a site will be identified for the building of a new elective hospital for Cork; the timeline for the design, applying for planning and building of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [52293/22]
- 133. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for dental services for public patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [52301/22]
- 134. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 686 of 11 October 2022, if the position of chief health and social care professionals' officer will be established in his Department, following comments made by the Secretary General of his Department at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health on 28 September 2022 (details supplied); the timeline that he is working towards in bringing this expertise into his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [51899/22]

- 135. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the status of the new elective hospital in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52089/22]
- 136. To ask the Minister for Health if he will indicate the new capacity planned for the coming year in clearing waiting lists within the public system and through the NTPF; the estimated number of additional outpatient first-time consultations and the number of additional procedures which will be facilitated in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Bruton. [51944/22]
- 137. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that he is putting in place to deliver the specialist neurology required to meet the current demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [51146/22]
- 138. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to expand endoscopy services in Naas General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [52430/22]
- 139. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that some persons who are diagnosed with lifelong conditions which render them eligible for a medical card often have to re-apply for a medical card. Gary Gannon. [50747/22]
- 140. To ask the Minister for Health if a locum audiologist will be put in place in Kerry to cover the public audiologist currently on maternity leave; if he will detail the impact this uncovered leave has had on the waiting list and provide data regarding the current numbers on the list in Kerry including waiting times for those on the list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [52365/22]
- 141. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide timelines for the expected publication of a report (details supplied) and any other details, further to his acknowledgement that he received the report concerning the handling of the Covid-19 pandemic in September; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [52165/22]
- 142. To ask the Minister for Health the vacant positions currently in primary care in counties Cavan and Monaghan for children waiting for occupational therapy, speech and language support and psychology services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [50499/22]
- 143. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail the engagements that his Department has had with the Department of Further and Higher Education, Innovation and Science, the HSE and the Higher Education Authority since July 2020 to identify skills shortages in health and social care and the need for additional further and higher education courses in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [52463/22]
- 144. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are being considered in the short-term to alleviate current long wait times in the accident-and-emergency department of Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [52438/22]
- 145. To ask the Minister for Health if there have been any official studies into vaping and young persons and the effects of vaping on them. Paul Donnelly. [51648/22]
- 146. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will reintroduce a 24/7 ShannonDoc service in Thurles, which has not resumed post-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [52119/22]

- 147. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the community rehabilitation teams in CHO6 and CHO7; the locations in which each team is based; the numbers of staff, in WTE terms, approved for each team; the numbers currently assigned to each team; the number of vacant positions on each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [52163/22]
- 148. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of nurses currently on sick leave; the number who cite stress as the reason for their leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [51705/22]
- 149. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are on the CAMHS waiting list nationally; the number waiting for care for over 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [52401/22]
- 150. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider expanding pharmacist services currently provided, in order to aid in alleviating the pressures currently experienced with GP services and hospital services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [52437/22]
- 151. To ask the Minister for Health the next steps that his Department will take in the development of a national diabetes register given that funding has been provided under Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [52415/22]
- 152. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the range and nature of services available to Louth based adults and children at hospitals; if there are plans to improve the diabetes service currently serving adults and children in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51615/22]
- 153. To ask the Minister for Health his views on plans for a second palliative care bed at the St Joseph's Care campus in Longford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joe Flaherty. [52450/22]
- 154. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene to ensure that medical card holders can avail of dentistry services which are currently unavailable at this time due to an ongoing dispute between dentists and his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [51144/22]
- 155. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing breakdown at West Kerry Community Hospital; the way this compares with the numbers at the start of this year; if extra beds will be opened at the hospital; the specific efforts that are being made to recruit new nurses at the hospital including a breakdown of details of advertisements that have been made in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [52364/22]
- 156. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the 50% increase in radiation therapy treatment waiting lists for cancer patients and the shortage of radiation therapists to carry out these treatments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [52378/22]
- 157. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated timeline for the reopening of Keltoi. Thomas Gould. [52393/22]

- 158. To ask the Minister for Health the 2022 budgets for the dental treatment services scheme, school dental scheme and the public PRSI-based scheme in counties Laois and Offaly. Brian Stanley. [52180/22]
- 159. To ask the Minister for Health the yearly spend on sepsis awareness in the past five years; his plans to raise awareness of sepsis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [52371/22]
- 160. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which plans are in hand to improve the delivery of the health services and to use the experience of combatting Covid-19 to overhaul waiting lists, staff shortages, the use of theatres and associated issues with contribute to the delay in the delivery of the services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [52353/22]
- 161. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop new healthcare infrastructure in the mid-west to match the demographic targets set out in Ireland 2040, the national planning framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brian Leddin. [52449/22]
- 162. To ask the Minister for Health the actions that he has taken to address the shortfall in GP provision, including out-of-hours services, within the north-east region. Matt Carthy. [52118/22]
- 163. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children's disability network teams in CHO8; the locations in which each team is based; the numbers of staff in WTE terms approved for each team; the numbers currently assigned to each team; the number of vacant positions on each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Barry Cowen. [52418/22]
- 164. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the dental treatment services scheme; if the additional funding allocated by his Department to this scheme in the past six months has led to an increase in the number of dentists accepting medical card patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Steven Matthews. [52427/22]
- 165. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children's disability network teams in CHO9; the locations in which each team is based; the number of staff, in WTE terms, approved for each team; the numbers currently assigned to each team; the number of vacant positions on each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [52171/22]
- 166. To ask the Minister for Health if the workforce planning process that his Department commenced, in conjunction with the clinical programme for persons with disabilities, has been finalised; and if he will detail the findings of the workforce planning process. Pauline Tully. [52464/22]
- 167. To ask the Minister for Health when a community neuro-rehabilitation team will be in place in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Moynihan. [52174/22]
- 168. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts to prepare the health system for increased demand over the winter months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [51379/22]
- 169. To ask the Minister for Health when his Department will publish the disability capacity review action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [50739/22]
- 170. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will be introduced to eliminate the differential in payments to nursing homes across different geographical areas under the Nursing

- Homes Support Scheme Act 2009; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Smith. [52112/22]
- 171. To ask the Minister for Health if all sections of the Nursing Home Supports Scheme (Amendment) Act 2021 have been commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [52358/22]
- 172. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the discussion in relation to multi-annual funding for community projects especially those in Section 38 and Section 39 organisations. Paul Donnelly. [44555/22]
- 173. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses and midwives who have been recruited into the HSE since 1 June 2022; the measures that he is undertaking to recruit and retain nurses and midwives in the short, medium and long-term, including measures to bring Irish nurses back from abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [52375/22]
- 174. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the dangerous understaffing and overcrowding conditions in the Mater Hospital recently highlighted by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [52399/22]
- 175. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children's disability network teams in both CHO6 and CHO7; the locations in which each team is based; the numbers of staff, in WTE terms, approved for each team; the numbers currently assigned to each team; the number of vacant positions on each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Lahart. [52185/22]
- 176. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to address GP shortages. Pa Daly. [51610/22]
- 177. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set-up a Commission of Inquiry as a matter of urgency to seek the truth for families on the significant loss of life in a nursing home (details supplied) during the initial wave of Covid-19 in 2020, further to this Deputy's previous calls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [52164/22]